GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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BAN ON SALE OF MINERAL WATER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have banned the sale of the premium brand of bottled mineral water, `Perrier`, produced by Nestle;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any new standard for different types of packaged water were notified last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) : Section 5 of the PFA Act, 1954, prohibits the import of any adulterated food any misbranded food and any article of food in contravention of any other provision of the Act, or any Rule made thereunder.
Standards of natural mineral water have been prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955 vide notification GSR No. 759 (E) dated 29.9.2000 which came into force w.e.f. 29.03.2001. All the natural mineral water shall be manufactured for sale or exhibited for sale only under the Bureau of Indian Standards Certification Mark.

According to the information provided by M/s Nestle India Ltd., Perrier Natural Mineral Water does not meet the requirement of mineral water as prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955 with respect to pH and Calcium limits.

(c) & (d) : Standards of packaged drinking water have been prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955 vide notification GSR No. 760 (E) dated 29.9.2000 which came into force w.e.f. 29.03.2001.